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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2677

Application No.: 10/629,591

Examiner:

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Docket No.: 116726

For: OUTPUT CONTROL CIRCUIT, DRIVING CIRCUIT, ELECTRO-OPTIC
APPARATUS, AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 29, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Specifically, Applicant asserts that claim 1, in line 2, refers to "a plurality of unit circuits" that, based on the specification (Page 9, paragraph [0050], and Page 10, paragraph [0054]), are composed of "shift resistor unit circuits" (Ua1 to Uan+2) and "operational unit circuits" (Ub1 to Ubn+1). The "shift resistor unit circuits" shift a starting pulse and the "operational unit circuits" generate a set. Therefore, it is these unit circuits that "shift" a starting pulse and "generate" a set. Changing "and generate" to "generates," as suggested in the Office Action, would not be grammatically correct and may cause confusion regarding the

operation of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the §112, second paragraph, rejection.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 2-14 depend from claim 1, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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